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RESPONSE

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REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 18, 2005, wherein Claims 1-9 were rejected. Claims 1-9 remain pending.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C § 102

On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kupe et al. Applicants have filed a Rule 1.131 affidavit with a corresponding record of invention eliminating Kupe et al. as a reference.